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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - DECEMBER 2 AND  
DECEMBER 3

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPT  
S FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR DECEMBER  
2, 1976:

Q. IN AT LEAST ONE ACCOUNT OF THE UNESCO MEETING IN KENYA  
I SAW REFERENCE TO THE PLO REPRESENTATIVES SAYING THEY HAD  
TALKED TO ALL DELEGATES --

A. YES.

Q. -- INCLUDING THE AMERICAN. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS  
HAS COME UP. THAT WAS A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO THAT THE  
ARTICLE APPEARED.

A. YES. I REMEMBER THE ARTICLE.

Q. GOOD. (LAUGHTER) WAS THERE A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE  
PLO AND THE UNITED STATES IN NAIROBI, AND WHAT AS THE  
SUBJECT DISCUSSED?

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A. THE ANSWER TO THE FIRST QUESTION IS NO.

Q. THERE WAS NO CONVERSATION?

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Q. SO THE SECOND IS MOOT, ISN'T IT?

A. IT IS MOOT, CORRECT.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR DECEMBER 3, 1976:

Q. HAS THE U.S. AGREED TO SELL F-16'S TO ISRAEL?

A. WE HAVE RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FROM ISRAEL FOR A NUMBER OF F-16'S. I AM NOT ABLE TO GO INTO ANY SPECIFIC NUMBERS. THE REQUEST IS PART OF OUR ON-GOING MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL. AND WE WILL BE GIVING THE REQUEST VERY CAREFUL STUDY.

Q. BOB --

Q. CAN WE JUST FOLLOW THAT UP?

A. YES.

Q. YOU WILL BE GIVING THE REQUEST CAREFUL STUDY?

A. RIGHT.

Q. BUT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, HAS THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO SELL F-16'S TO ISRAEL?

A. AS YOU KNOW, WE INDICATED A YEAR AGO THAT WE HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE AN AIRCRAFT SUCH AS THE F-16, WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE EXISTING INVENTORY. SO, WHAT IS BEING -- DECIDED -- THE DECISION THAT HAS TO BE MADE--AND WHAT IS BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED AT THIS TIME--IS THE NUMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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OF AIRCRAFT TO BE SOLD, AS WELL AS DELIVERY TIMES. THIS IS THE DECISION TO BE MADE.

Q. THERE IS AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

A. YES, WE HAVE INDICATED THAT, I THINK, ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

Q. IT IS IN THAT MEMORANDUM OF (INAUDIBLE).

A. YES.

Q. SO WHAT IS NEW? HAS THAT BEEN POSTPONED?

A. THEY HAVE MADE A FORMAL REQUEST AND NOW THE QUESTION IS: HOW MANY? AND WHEN CAN THEY BE DELIVERED?

Q. DID THEY MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST IN TERMS OF NUMBERS?

A. YES, I BELIEVE THEY HAVE.

Q. MR. FUNSETH --

A. ARE WE FINISHED WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE F-16?

Q. JUST LET ME FOLLOW UP ONE ON THAT: THERE IS ALSO -- ISRAEL, I BELIEVE, HAS ASKED PERMISSION TO BUILD SOME OF THE F-26S THERE IN ISRAEL. HAS ANY DECISION BEEN MADE ON THAT?

Q. I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

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